

Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties

Addendum

MIHP Number: S-251

Property Name: David's Adventure (Long's Chance, J.B. Green Farm)

Property Address: North Side of Green Road; Pauls Corner, MD

A consultant working on a compliance project (200500858) reports that no standing buildings remain at this location.

4/25/2005

S-251
J. B. Green Farm
Hudson's Corner vicinity
private

c. 1780-1800

The Green farmhouse is a rare survivor of the small 20' by 16' frame houses common to the fourth quarter of the eighteenth century. Despite extensive remodeling, the one-room plan dwelling has an early shed-roofed kitchen addition and an extremely rare clapboard roof. The old clapboard roof is exposed under the kitchen roof and consists of two layers of riven oak clapboards. The first layer has feathered edges and is laid horizontally ~~1/4~~ to the roof peak. The second layer, on the other hand, is laid on a perpendicular axis to the roof ridge and survives with an outer layer of red paint. Exposed in the principal first floor room are beaded floor joists, while the beaded floor joists in the kitchen have been covered over.

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Survey No. S-251

Magi No. 2002515235

DOE ☐ yes ☐ no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic "David's Adventure," "Long's Chance"

and/or common Green Farm

2. Location

street & number Green Road

☐ not for publication

city, town Marion

☒ vicinity of

congressional district First

state Maryland

county Somerset

3. Classification

Category☐ district
☒ building(s)
☐ structure
☐ site
☐ object**Ownership**☐ public
☒ private
☐ both
Public Acquisition
☐ in process
☐ being considered
☒ not applicable**Status**☒ occupied
☐ unoccupied
☐ work in progress
Accessible
☐ yes: restricted
☐ yes: unrestricted
☐ no**Present Use**☒ agriculture
☐ commercial
☐ educational
☐ entertainment
☐ government
☐ industrial
☐ military☐ museum
☐ park
☒ private residence
☐ religious
☐ scientific
☐ transportation
☐ other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name James B. Green

street & number Rt. 1 Box

telephone no.: 623-4896

city, town Marion

state and zip code MD 21838

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Somerset Clerk Of Court

liber 268

street & number Somerset County Courthouse

folio 558

city, town Princess Anne

state MD 21853

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date

☐ federal ☐ state ☐ county ☐ local

depository for survey records

city, town

state

7. Description

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Condition

☐ excellent
☒ good
☐ fair

☐ deteriorated
☐ ruins
☐ unexposed

Check one

☐ unaltered
☒ altered

Check one

☒ original site
☐ moved date of move _____

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The Green Farm is located on the south side of MD 667 between Hudsons's Corner and Marion, Somerset County, Maryland. Liberia Church Road intersects the farm entrance approximately .25 of a mile south of MD 667. The single-story frame house is accompanied by a relocated store building and several early 20th - century farm buildings. Facing east, the primary gable of house follows a north/south axis.

The single-story one-room plan frame house with shed kitchen rests on a brick pier foundation and is uniformly sheathed with aluminum siding. The steeply pitched asphalt shingle roof has slightly extended eaves. A bedroom addition was attached to the south gable end of the house in 1948.

The east three-bay elevation is fully covered by a shed roof enclosed porch. A centered entrance is flanked by 6/6 sash windows. The door is a replacement, but some early cyma curve window trim has been left exposed.

The north gable end has a single 6/6 sash window in both the first floor and attic. Six over six sash windows also light the shed addition.

The west side of the main house is fully covered by the shed kitchen addition.

The south gable end of the main block is largely covered by the 1940 bedroom and bathroom addition. A narrow brick chimney rises from the south gable end of the main house. Two small 2/2 sash windows flank the stack and light the upper floor.

The first floor room has been generally remodeled as has the rest of the house. Beaded floor joists remain exposed in addition to some cyma curve door moldings. The mantel has been removed, but the stair still rises in the southeast corner. A board and patten door encloses the stair. The adjacent stair post is beaded.

The eight foot shed kitchen was original to the house, but its historic fabric has been covered with modern materials. According to the owner, extremely wide boards were covered over on the west wall. An investigation in the loft space revealed the now covered floor joists are beaded.

The second floor of the main house is divided into two rooms separated by a stud partition with a two-panel Greek Revival period door. A small axis door in the rear knee wall allows access into the space above the kitchen. Visible in this space are two layers of riven clapboard roofs fastened with wrought-nails. The underneath layer of clapboards measures four feet long and six inches wide with a three inch to four inch exposure. The second layer, which was laid perpendicular to the first, measures three feet long by six inches wide with eighteen-inch exposure. The second layer retains a coat of red paint. The back wall of the house is exposed and reveals pit-sawn lumber and a common rafter roof.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates

Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☐ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

The Green farmhouse is a rare survivor of the small c. 1780-1800 20' by 16' frame houses common to the 18th century. Despite extensive remodeling, the one-room plan structure has an extremely rare clapboard roof consisting of two layers of riven oak clapboards. The second layer retains a coat of red paint. Exposed in the principal room are beaded floor joists. The nine foot rear shed was an integral part of the initial house. Structural evidence and now covered beaded joists indicate the shed kitchen was built at the same time as the main house.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____

Quadrangle scale _____

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

A

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Zone Easting Northing

B

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Zone Easting Northing

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Verbal boundary description and justification _____

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
state	code	county	code

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Paul Touart - Architectural Historian

organization Somerset County Historical Trust

date 2/26/85

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city or town Princess Anne

state MD 21853

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Annapolis, Maryland 21401
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Description continued

The store building has been extensively reworked as migrant labor housing. Its most distinctive feature is the round-topped false front with multi-pane windows to each side of the center door. A shed addition for tractor storage extends northward. A layer of corrugated tin covers the plain weatherboarding. A rebuilt brick chimney pierces the west gable end.

The other buildings are ordinary early 20th - century structures.

CHAIN OF TITLE

James B. Green 84.75 A
 Rt. 1, Box 37
 Marion, MD 21838
 IT.P 268-558 Also 122/275

268/558

Carl Green, Jr. Personal Rep.
 of Nellie R. Green, Late of County

to

11/21/1972

James B. Green
 Jeffrey E. Green
 Nellie R. Green died February 27, 1972

W.J.S.
 79/82

John W. Hall
 Mary E. Hall

to

9/23/1919

Carl C. Green
 Nellie R. Green

S.F.D. 55/36

Warren C. Gunby
 Emma M. Gumby

to

9/29/1910

John W. Hall
 \$2000.00 "David's Adventure"
 "Long's Chance"
 96 acres

H.F.L. 10/762

John W. Coulbourn

to

3/14/1892

Warren C. Gunby

H.F.L. 2/211

John W. Conner and Emeline

to

3/31/1884

John W. Coulbourn
 \$2100.00 "Davis's Adventure"
 "Long's Chance and
 adjoining lands of James Adams Joshua Burnett, opposite
 the farm of Stephen Whittington, 104 acres

L.W. 9/137

Nathan J. Lankford

to

4.6.1865

John W. Conner
 \$2,000.00 all that tract of land situate in Somerset
 County called or known as "Davis's Adventure and "Long's
 Chance" - it being all that land purchased by me at
 Sheriff sale of William H. Roach Sheriff of Somerset

County and which previous to that time belonged to
Nathaniel T. Bell

LW/284
9

Julia Francis Bell
\$250.00 - Dower rights

to

9/26/1865

John W. Conner
Davis' Adventure
Longs Chance

LW 8/346

Nathaniel T. Bell (by Sheriff) William H. Roach

to

6/7/1864

Nathan J. Lankford
Davis Adventure
Longs Chance

Judicial Records
LW 1/353

Order of Circuit Court - 1/11/1864 in the case of
Henry W. Hall vs. Nathaniel T. Bell and also by virtue
of execution No. 211, 213, 214, 215, 216, 217, 219,
220, 221, and 222 of the Judicial Docket of the April
Term 1864

-it being the land which the said Nathaniel T. Bell
inherited from his father and whereon the resided at the
time of the said execution, containing 102 acres.

1810

John Bell - Will 23/161 mentions a son, Nathaniel

1799

Josephus Bell - Will 23/4 "a son Nathaniel

? GH 5/153 Robert Bell to Nathaniel Bell
Wilson's Conclusion, and Security, Trehearn's Trouble,
Willing's Advice and David's Adventure--?

L/399 - Davids Adventure - ? Nathaniel Bell

EB 24/136
Cheyl Admin.
Accounts

Administration Account of Josepheus Bell - wife Sophia
son, Thomas; to son Nathaniel; to son, John; to daughter,
Mary Wilkins; to son Robert Bell; 1881

3/11/1810

Administrative Account - John Bell EB 27/163 sons -
Anthony Bell - all my lands - sons - William, Robert,
and Nathaniel all my personal estate to be equally
divided among them - wife - Amelia

Anthony Bell - Will JP 4/9 - December 20, 1820 -
to brother William all my lands which were delivered
to me by my father John Bell - to younger brother Robert
\$600. When he turns 21. If William dies then land
goes to Robert.

William Bell - Admin. Account

1st Account - JP 5/191

2nd Account - JP 9/18

3rd Account - JP 9/48 - to his widow 1/3 part
to daughter Harriet H. Bell 1/3 part
to Leah Ann 1/3 part

GH 5/153 - Robert Bell of Dorchester Co. agent for
the heirs of a certain Nathaniel Bell deceased

to

1/8/1830

Nathaniel Bell

Whereas by his last will and testament bearing date
5/9/1815 did bequeath to his brother Robert Bell all
that tracts or parcel of land whereon he then resided
called and known by the name of 'Wilson's Conclusion,'
'Security,' 'Trehearn's Trouble,' 'Willing's Advice'
and 'David's Adventure' containing by estimation
105 acres.

GH 6/465

James Burnett

to

12/31/1832

Nathaniel Bell

\$12.50 a certain lot or parcel of ground taken out of
a tract called 'Long's Chance' containing 4704 square
feet.

1798 Tax - Lands (? - Willin) Williams Evans occupied
by Levi Johnson Tract of Land called David's Adventure
99 3/4 A. 1 old log dwelling house 16 feet square - 1
old kitchen 16 feet square - 1 smoke house 8 feet
square - \$310.00

William Turpin of N. Tract of Land called Long's
Chance 378 acres on which are 1 old Dwelling House
30 feet by 20 feet built of wood 1 Barn 30 feet by
24 feet.

Thomas Miles - 7 tracts called Miles Addition 230 $\frac{1}{4}$ A.
Turkey Trap 44 $\frac{1}{4}$ part of Long Chance -
Dwelling 20 by 16 with 10 foot shed.

L/399

Evans Willing
Ruth Willing

to

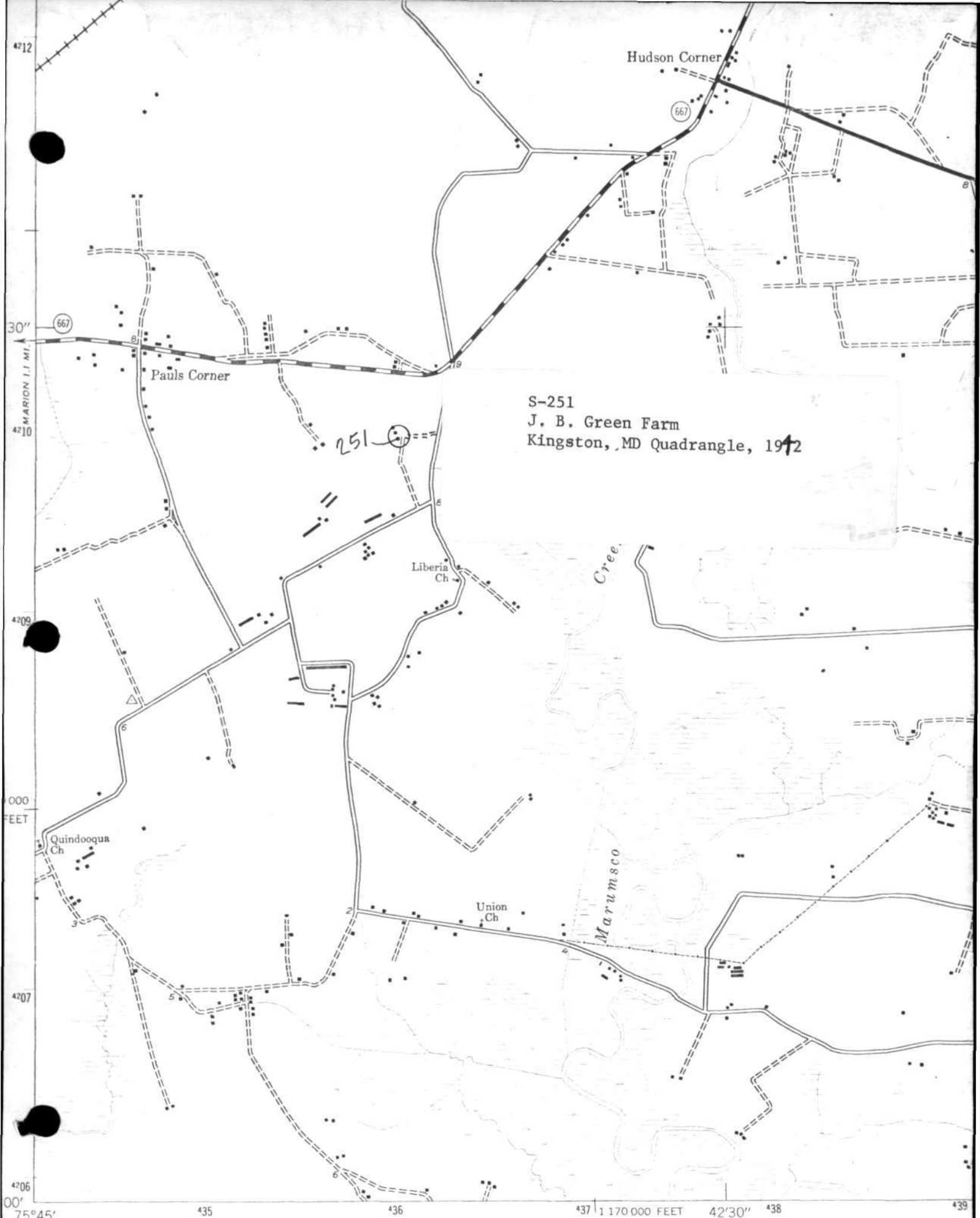
2/18/1799

Nathaniel Bell

E 425..0..0 "all that tract or parcel of land called
and known by the name of David's Adventure situate
lying and being in the County aforesaid and on the
north side of Pocomoke River and on a branch issuing
thereout called Morumsco Creek back in the woods from
the water side of the said Creek bounded as follows,
beginning at a marked Pine standing near the side of
a branch being the first boulder of the Original Tract
called Chance 99 acres.

Will of Edward Willing 11/20/1748 14/6 mentions an
Evans Willin - $\frac{1}{2}$ of land called Mount Hope to be

delivered to him at the age of twenty one --
wife Hannah --
eldest son - John Willin
Jon Charles - land called Turnstice after mother's
decease
brother - John Willin - all lands if children die
without issue



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J. B. Green Farm
Kingston, MD Quadrangle, 1942



J.B. Green Farm

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Near Hudson's Corner, Somerset Co.

~~N.E. 1/4~~
~~Southwest~~ Elevation

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J.B. Green House

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Near Hudson's Corner, Somerset County

Northwest Elevation

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J.B. Green Farm

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Near Hudson's Corner, Somerset Co.

Northeast Elevation

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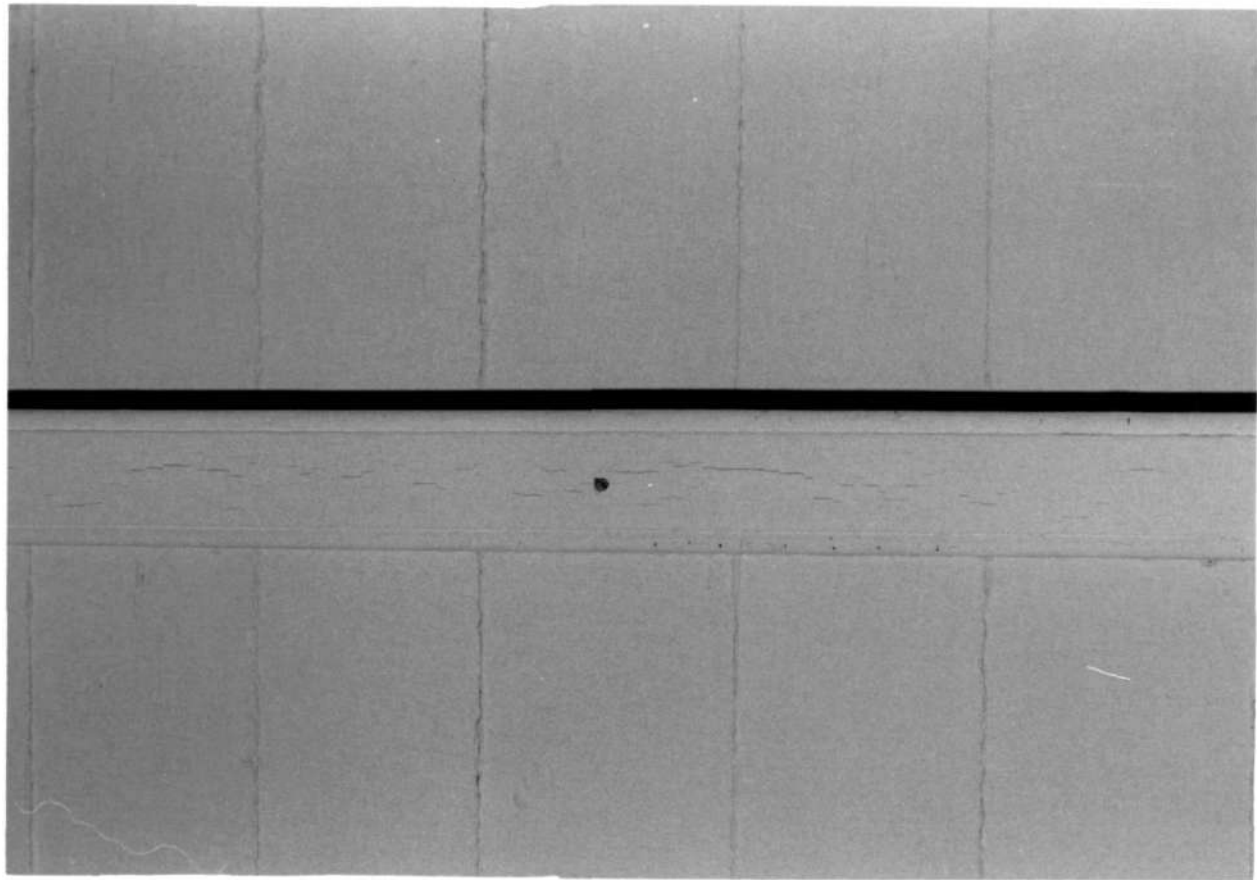
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Near Hudson's Corner, Somerset Co.
Old Marion Store
East Elevation
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J.B. Green Farm S-251
Near Hudson's Corner, Somerset Co.
Beaded floor joist
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J.B. Green Farm

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Near Hudson's Corner, Somerset Co.

Beaded Floor Joist

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J.B. Green House S-251
Near Hudson's Corner, Somerset County
Shed Construction-Dovetailed Joists
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J.B. Green Farm

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Near Hudson's Corner, Somerset Co.

Clapboard roof

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J.B. Green House

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Hudson's Corner vicinity, Somerset Co.,Md.

Clapboard Roof

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J.B. Green Farm

S-251

Near Hudson/s Corner, Somerset Co.

Winder Stair

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J.B. Green House S-251
Near Hudson's Corner, Somerset County
Clapboard Roof

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J.B. Green Farm S-251
Near Hudson's Corner, Somerset Co.
Clapboard roof
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